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1. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR LORIDAN CALLED DEP ASST SEC
HERZ (IO) JUNE 13 TO ASK FOR SUPPORT OF SUY CANDIDACY ON
GROUNDS THAT SYG HAD MADE COMMITMENT THAT LEGAL COUNSEL
POSITION WOULD GO TO SUY, BELGIUM HAS NO LEADING POSITION
ANYWHERE IN UN SYSTEM, AND POST SHOULD GO TO NATIONAL OF
ONE OF COUNTRIES OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. AFTER CONSULTING
WITH WSUN, HERZ SAID WE ARE AWARE OF SITUATION AND WILL
APPROACH SYG TO SOUND HIM OUT ABOUT HIS INTENTIONS, INQUIRE
SPECIFICALLY REGARDING REPORTS THAT HE HAD MADE COMMITMENT
TO SUY, AND INDICATE OUR SUPPORT FOR A WESTERN EUROPEAN TO
SUCCEED STAVROPOULOS.

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2. WE HAD IMPRESSION THAT LORIDAN WAS NOT MAKING A STRONG DEMARCHE ON BEHALF OF SUY. WHEN HERZ ASKED IF SUY WAS A HIGHLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE, BEGIAN AMBASSADOR REPLIED " HE IS AT ANY RATE A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE" AND HE PLACED EMPHASIS ON HIS CANDIDACY AS A WEST EUROPEAN. WE IN OUR REPLY MADE SURE LORIDAN UNDERSTOOD OUR SUPPORT WAS FOR HAVING A WE LEGAL COUNSEL. ACCORDINGLY WE BELIEVE THAT

IF IT TURNS OUT THAT THERE IS A STRONGER EUROPEAN WHOSE CANDIDACY WALDHEIM IS WILLING TO ENTERTAIN, BELGIANS WOULD NOT BE OVERLY SURPRISED TO SEE US SUPPORT SUCH A STRONGER CANDIDATE. PORTER

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